

**Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**September 25th, 2013**  
**Room 229**

Present: Board of Education trustees: Anne Capeci, Carolee Brakewood, Thomas Corbia, Jim Dreves, Robert Johnson

Also Present: Dr. Edward Kliszus, Superintendent of Schools, Maura McAward, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Frank Fanelli, Assistant Superintendent Grants/Personnel; District Treasurer Coleen Kotzur and Yvette Segal, District Clerk

Absent: Frank Sisca, School District Attorney (Sisca Sisca and Associates)

Mrs. Capeci called the meeting to order at 8:05 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS**

Ms. Capeci recognized 2005 PCHS graduate, Edward Torres. Mr. Torres graduated UPENN Law and is currently attending NYU Law to receive his Law degree in Tax Law.

Ms. Capeci requested Dr. Kliszus to provide some insights into Common Core, which he did. He noted that Common Core has some wonderful aspects however, the roll out would have been better over the course of a few years. Extraordinary costs involved. In 2014/15 every student will need to take standardized tests on a computer. Every child by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will need to have computer skills, thereby posing certain challenges.

Ms. Capeci invited Marianne Albertell to the podium – CSEA President  
Marianne Albertell expressed that the coming year will be an exciting one.  
Ms. Albertell noted the 9 retirees and wished them all the best.

Ms. Capeci introduced the Student Scholarship Presentation by Arianna Aguilar, Development Director at the Carver Center in Port Chester. Ariana presented the Jill Billups Beltran Award for Excellence in Fine Arts to Juan Novoa. Juan is currently a freshman at Fashion Institute of Technology and a PCHS Graduate of 2013.

The 2013 Carver Center Rising Senior Kelly Scholarship award was presented to Caroline De La Cruz, Sarah Katherine Kamensky and Katherine Wojton. Each received \$2,500 as provided by the Whaling family.

Ms. Capeci expressed appreciation for Jill Billups Beltran’s mother, Lovely Billups.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dan Tellup – 2 Renshaw Place, Port Chester. Mr. Tellup presented to the board a list of Connecticut license plates.

Don Davis – Tower Hill Drive, Port Chester. He expressed his concern for the safety of the King Street School Students. He does not feel there is enough effort in protecting the children. More motorists disobey the traffic laws by speeding. Mr. Davis suggests installing a camera.

Mr. Dreves acknowledged Mr. Davis’ comments and suggested that individuals that see violations report them directly to law enforcement.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, Treasurers Report for July 2013 was approved:

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TREASURERS REPORT

July 31, 2013

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
BOOK OPENING BALANCE	17,257,415.86	958,922.20	64,043.88	65,944.27	391,444.59	18,737,770.80
<u>Receipts</u>						
Revenues	45,984.59	67,405.00	13,951.27		8,075.00	
Interfund Transfers			17,086.60			
Sales Tax Receipts						
Reimbursement of Expense	106,056.60					
Accounts Receivable	162,930.95					
Total Receipts	314,972.14	67,405.00	31,037.87	-	8,075.00	421,490.01

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Disbursements

Warrant #1	2,009,737.83	94,355.75	11,487.36	600.00	
Warrant #2	39,347.32				
Payroll 7/5/2013	262,949.68	3,673.40	617.15		
Payroll 7/19/2013	331,073.42	16,469.45	617.15		
Interfund Transfer	17,086.60				
payroll expense transfer (8/2/13)	394,838.22	72,340.49	617.15		
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>3,055,033.07</b>	<b>186,839.09</b>	<b>13,338.81</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>BOOK BALANCE END OF MONTH</b>	<b>14,517,354.93</b>	<b>839,488.11</b>	<b>81,742.94</b>	<b>65,944.27</b>	<b>398,919.59</b>
					<b>15,903,449.84</b>

	GENERAL	SPECIAL AID	CAFETERIA	CAPITAL	TRUST	ALL FUNDS
<b>CASH - BANK BALANCES</b>						
Chase Bank	0.100%	72,436.16	64,747.30	41,811.91	115,447.13	
TD Bank	0.200%	275,667.49				
Hudson Valley Bank	0.052%	2,473.70				
Webster Bank	0.017%	1,719,938.04	727,758.90		1,809.30	
PC Credit Union	0.200%				144,981.73	
MBIA - C.L.A.S.S.	0.016%	551,584.72	39,293.05	16,995.64	24,132.36	
Scholarship Invest	various				136,681.43	
Signature Bank	0.350%	11,967,690.98				
<b>TOTAL CASH - BANK BALANCES</b>		<b>14,517,354.93</b>	<b>839,488.11</b>	<b>81,742.94</b>	<b>65,944.27</b>	<b>398,919.59</b>
						<b>15,903,449.84</b>



Coleen Kotzur, District Treasurer

9/19/2013

Date

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the minutes for July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 were approved.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District Approve the 2013-14 professional partnership with Iona College whereas the College assigns graduate students in the program for communication sciences and disorders to complete a practicum experience in the Port Chester Public Schools. The practicum experience includes the provision of supplemental services to our students.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute said contract.

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Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the 2013-14 Westchester Community College’s use of district classrooms to provide courses to local and county residents in a variety of areas including adult ELA services. In return for this service, WCC will provide an insurance certificate as required and pay the following reduced rental rates:

- Cost per classroom (15 week course): \$450
- Cost per classroom (11 week course): \$300
- Cost per classroom (7 week course): \$250

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- C. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the 2013-14 professional partnership with Mercy College whereas the College provides graduate courses to our faculty in-district with a 40% tuition discount to our staff during hours in which custodial staff are on duty. Mercy College will provide an insurance certificate as required. In return, the district will provide space for classes to be held.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- D. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the 2013-14 professional partnership with Manhattanville College whereby through the efforts of our school based leadership Manhattanville College faculty shall provide a Professional Development School liaison to our district working 2 days weekly at Edison and Park Ave. schools. The liaison shall collaborate in developing school based professional development initiatives, developing special programming events and projects in the areas of science, literacy, the arts, multicultural literature, drama, foreign language instruction, action research, community outreach, engaging in data collection/analysis, and help to bring programs and resources to the school for the professional development of teachers. For these services, an annual fee of \$5,000 is paid to Manhattanville College that is Title I grant funded.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- E. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the 2013-14 professional partnership with the Westchester Symphonic Winds Organization whereas the Organization will use the PCMS auditorium as an alternate rehearsal location during after-school hours when school custodians are assigned to work. In return for this service the Organization will provide a series of clinics presented by Mr. Curt Ebersole, the Organization’s Conductor and Artistic Director, in support of the PCMS instrumental music program and in cooperation with department Chair Ken Kraut and teacher Linda McDermott. The Organization will provide an insurance certificate as required and pay the a reduced rental rate of \$50 per hour.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- F. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the excess of a Steinway 5’ 10’ grand piano, serial #110823, from Port Chester High School.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- G. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District authorize the school District Treasurer to pay General Fund, Federal Fund, Cafeteria Fund, Trust & Agency Fund and Capital Fund bill schedules, and Payrolls as well as complete budget transfers as necessary. Said bill schedules, payrolls, and transfers will be approved by the Board of Education at the first available board meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- H. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the attendance to the following conferences as noted below:

	Name	Conference	Date	Amount	Funded
1	Luke Sotherden	Assistant Principals Academy	10/10/13, 11/14/13, 12/5/13, 1/14/13, 2/11/14, 3/11/14, 4/24/14	\$ 700.00	General

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2	Ken Kraut Bob Vitti	NYSSMA Winter Conference	12/5/13-12/8/13	\$1,291.19	General
3	Maria Correa	"Teaching for Inquiry: The Link to Common Core"	10/7/13- 10/8/13	\$425.00	General

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- I. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District approve the following professional service contracts for the 2013-2014 school year as noted below:

	Name	Program	Rate	Date	Funded
1	Jaime Margolies	LitLife Reading and Writing	\$1,500.00	10-25-13	JFK General Fund
2	Jaime Margolies	LitLife Reading and Writing	\$1,500.00	2-28-14	JFK General Fund

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- J. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, at its discretion and in the best interest of the District, elects to forgo the written quote and bid requirements for the following professional service procurements in keeping with Policy 6700R – Purchasing Regulation.

1	Jerry Joy Music, Inc.	Writing Workshops- Park Avenue School	\$1,200	2013-2014 school year	Dual Language Grant
2	SER of Westchester	MS After School Program	\$10,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day Grant/Title 1
3	One World	After School Program-Enrichment Activities	\$5,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day Grant
4	PC Carver Center	After School Program-Enrichment Activities – Head Start	\$15,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day/Homeless Children Grants
5	Open Door	After School Program-Enrichment Activities	\$7,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day Grant
6	William Lauer	Dual Language Program Videographer	\$1,000	2013-2014 school year	Extended Day Grant

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Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- K. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education amends Resolution B dated August 29, 2013 for Transportation Contracts for the 2013-2014 school year as noted below:

<b>Always East Transportation Yonkers, NY</b>	In an amount not to exceed \$346,542
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Transportation of Port Chester - Rye Union Free School District students as follows: two students and one monitor to New York School for the Deaf in an amount of \$25,244; six students, one nurse, and three monitors to Port Chester Public Schools in an amount of \$83,174, one student and one monitor to Hawthorne Elementary School in an amount of \$27,775, one student and one monitor to Mamaroneck Avenue Elementary School in an amount of \$27,775, one student and one monitor to Green Chimneys School in an amount of \$26,513, transportation of relocated student(s) to Port Chester High School in an amount of \$11,811 (if service is required), transportation to Four-Winds Hospital in an amount of \$15,000 (number of students vary according to need), transportation to Daytop Preparatory School in an amount of \$10,000 (number of students vary according to need), two students and one monitor to Eastchester Public Schools in an amount of \$48,000, one student to Hudson Country Montessori in an amount of \$22,450, one student to The Harvey School in an amount of \$26,300, and two students to Our Lady of Sorrows in an amount of \$22,500.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the number of children, buses, vans, monitors, or cost approved in each contract is subject to change in accordance with New York State Education Law and Commissioner’s Regulations.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Upon motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Dreves and carried, the following donation was adopted:

- A. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the donation of one thousand dollars from IBM to John f. Kennedy School to cover the cost of the 2013 – 2014 IBM Mentoring Program.

Value: \$1,000

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

- B. RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approve the donation of two file cabinets and ten used storage boxes to the Port Chester – Rye Union Free School District from the Michael S. Goldstein Esq..

Value: \$1,700

**REQUEST FOR ACTION**

Upon motion by Mrs. Brakewood, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried, with Mr. Corbia abstaining on #12 the following resolution was adopted:  
The Superintendent recommends action on the following matters. Resolved that

1. The resignation of Corrina Stoker, half-year leave replacement Science Teacher at the High School, be accepted effective September 5, 2013.
2. The re-appointment at the August 29, 2013 board meeting of Alexander Miller, Larchmont, New York amending his three-year probationary appointment as Science Teacher, at 98% of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, from Step 1-Level 1 to Step 1-Level 6, effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2016 be rescinded. Mr. Miller returns to his original appointment of Step 1-Level 1 at the June 19, 2013 board meeting.
3. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Christine Rascona, Somers, New York, as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School, beginning approximately September 18, 2013 through approximately December 31, 2013. Mrs. Rascona will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
4. Barbara Retta, Scarsdale, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Christine Rascona as Elementary Teacher at John F. Kennedy School effective approximately September 18, 2013 through December 20, 2013 at an anticipated daily rate of \$150.

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5. A Maternity Leave of Absence be granted to Estrella Quinonez, Port Chester, New York, as English Teacher at the High School, beginning approximately October 14, 2013 through November 29, 2013. Ms. Quinonez will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
6. William Wilson, Yorktown Heights, New York be approved as a Long Term Substitute Teacher to replace Estrella Quinonez as English Teacher at the High School effective approximately October 14, 2013 through November 27, 2013 at an anticipated daily rate of \$125.
7. Ann Rose Santoro, Greenwich, Connecticut be granted a one-year leave of absence from her position as Elementary Teacher to accept a one-year appointment as Literacy Specialist & Intervention Facilitator in the District at her current Step 14-Level 10 salary from September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014.
8. The appointment of Maria Correa-Varas, Norwalk, Connecticut as Library Media Specialist effective September 1, 2013 at Step 14-Level 11 be approved. Maria is returning as she was placed on the District's Preferred Eligibility List on June 30, 2010 and has been recalled to replace Judy Thomas at the High School who retired on June 30, 2013.
9. The appointment of Valerie Murray-Waldmann, Eastchester, New York as Library Media Specialist effective approximately October 1, 2013 at Step 8-Level 10 be approved. Valerie is returning as she was placed on the District's Preferred Eligibility List on June 30, 2010 and has been recalled to replace Mary Benoit at the Middle School who retired on June 30, 2013.
10. Richard Gregory, Stamford, Connecticut be approved for a one-year leave replacement appointment as Elementary Teacher, at 100% of Step 1-Level 6 (pro-rated) of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, effective September 9, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Mr. Gregory received a B.A. Degree from Western Connecticut State College and a M.A.T. from Manhattanville College. Mr. Gregory received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment January 12, 2007. His assignment will be at John F. Kennedy School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. He replaces Ann Rose Santoro who has accepted another one-year position in the District.
11. The appointment at the June 19, 2013 board meeting of Juanita Mitchell, Mamaroneck, New York be amended to a two-year probationary appointment from a three-year probationary appointment as Elementary Teacher, at 98% of the 2011-2015 Teachers Salary Agreement, Step 2-Level 8, effective September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. We received confirmation of Ms. Mitchell's previous tenure with the New York City Department of Education effective September, 2009. Ms. Mitchell received a B.S. Degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, a M.A. from Manhattanville College and a M.S. Degree from Lehman College. Ms. Mitchell received NYS Fingerprint Clearance for Employment June 14, 2013. Her assignment will be at the Middle School and will include participation in designated school related organizational activities. This is a newly budgeted position.
12. The following individuals be appointed to positions for the 2013-2014 school year:

Rosemary DeGeorge	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	\$42 per hour
Maria Figura	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Chris Zidik	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Sara Morabito	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Jenna Garguilo	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Aida Velez	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Pepita Lopez	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Jeannie Iantorno	After School Program Teacher – Middle School	42 per hour
Maggie Rende	After School Program Teacher Assistant – Middle School	42 per hour
Gaylene Gasparini	After School Program Teacher Assistant – Middle School	42 per hour
Jennifer Detlefs	After School Program Substitute Teacher Assistant – Middle School	42 per hour
Virginia Corbia	Breakfast Program Monitor – Middle School	23 per hour
Diana Gonzalez	Breakfast Program Monitor – John F. Kennedy School	23 per hour
Carrie Poulos	Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School	23 per hour
Marcia Manzueta	Breakfast Program Monitor – Edison School	23 per hour
Aimie Sarkodie	Breakfast Program Monitor Substitute – Edison School	23 per hour
Cenia Santana	Freshman Class Advisor – High School	618
Deborah Pelletier	French Club Advisor – High School	589
Chris Halstead	Athletic Coordinator – Winter Season	4,000
Vanessa Aspiazu	Head Coach Modified Cheerleading (Winter)	3,142
Robin Eddings	Head Coach Girls Varsity Basketball	5,500
Dan Davis	Head Coach Girls Junior Varsity Basketball	3,253
Sara Morabito	Head Coach Girls Modified Basketball	3,253
Joseph Facciola	Assistant Coach Varsity Wrestling	2,383
Nick Mancuso	Varsity Boys/Girls Winter Track & Field Head Coach	4,750
Gareth Gibbs	Varsity Boys/Girls Winter Track & Field Assistant Coach	3,128

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Greg Domestico	Head Coach Varsity Wrestling	5,751
Dan Alvarado	Head Coach Junior Varsity Wrestling	4,124
Craig Holcomb	Head Coach Boys Varsity Basketball	6,375
Robert Wynn	Head Coach Boys Junior Varsity Basketball	4,124
Peter Bisceglia	Head Coach Boys Modified Basketball	\$3,253
Melissa Piccola	Head Coach Varsity Bowling	3,499

13. The following individual(s) receive in-service credit, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Semester</u>
Lise Barbara	Multisensory Reading Instruction: Part 1	1	Windward Teacher Training Institute	Summer '05
Lise Barbara	Microsoft Office	5	ITU University	Spring '13
Yolanda Matos	Differentiation: Putting Theory into Practice	3	The New York Center for Teacher Development	Summer '13
Yolanda Matos	Practical Classroom Management Practice (take this word out)	3	The New York Center for Teacher Development	Summer '13
Stacey Wolff	Call to Leadership Program	3	Port Chester	12-13 Year
Alicia Cammilleri	The Writing Road to Reading: A Comprehensive Introduction	3	Reading Reform Foundation	Summer '13
Renee Aubry	National Association of Geoscience Teachers	1	Earth2Class	Spring '13
Christine Alessi	On-Line: Using Technology to Support The Common Core	3	Edith Winthrop Teacher Center	Summer '13
Christine Alessi	Building Vocabulary – On-line	3	Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES	Summer '13

14. The following individuals be appointed Athletic Event Supervisors for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$50 per school event and/or \$25 per hour for Tournaments, providing the individual is not a member of the coaching staff for the particular event:

Mario Coronado                      Jose Marrero

15. The following individuals be approved to serve as Substitute Teachers/Teacher Assistants/Tutors/Interns/Student Teachers/Volunteers on an as-needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year. They are either Fingerprint Cleared, "Grandfathered" in or on a twenty day emergency basis:

Samantha Sciavillo	Rose Roytman	Perry Jacobs	Jeffrey Steinberg
Michelle Steinberg	Christina Mangiaracina	Jasmin Martinez	Sean Zemlyak
Carl Pino	Tashia Cruz	Patricia Godfrey	Michael Bonet
Clara Velasquez	Bejoy Thomas	Gabrielle DiSapia	Andre Taylor
Melanie Lamoreaux	Maxon Kasumba	Gregory Guarino	Amy Paul
Jay Ciraco	Christianne Cuddy	Andrea Naselli	Ashley Layne
Nicole Giordano	Rosemary LaBella	William Wilson	Zachary Dore
Deborah Sanguineti	Erika Blindman	Kathryn Menusan	Anthony Federici

16. Nicole Dorazio, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 9, 2013. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Magnet School. Mrs. Dorazio received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 3, 2013
17. Cleveland Alford, White Plains, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 16, 2013. His assignment is Port Chester High School. Mr. Alford is NYS Fingerprint cleared.
18. Elsa Salmon, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 23, 2013. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center. Mrs. Salmon received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 16, 2013.
19. Jeanette Stever, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 23, 2013. Her assignment is Park Avenue School. Mrs. Stever is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.
20. John C. Giordano, Jr., Rye Brook, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Maintenance Mechanic-Electrician, Step 1, (12 months, 8 hours/day) effective October 7, 2013 pending NYS Fingerprint Clearance. His assignment will be Buildings and Grounds.

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21. After twenty-six years and ten months with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, the retirement of Shang Jung, Maintenance Laborer (Grounds), be accepted effective the end of business on October 31, 2013.
22. A change of status be approved for Claudia Sanchez, Port Chester, New York, from Probationary Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, to Probationary Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1 (10 months/3 hours-day), effective September 3, 2013. Her assignment is Port Chester High School Special Education.
23. A Family Leave of Absence be granted to Kristy Fiscella, Teacher Aide-Special Education, Edison School, from approximately September 23, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Mrs. Fiscella will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. Her expected delivery date is October 22, 2013. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.
24. Christian Cassone, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a Temporary appointment (Maternity Leave Replacement) as a Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III, (6 hours/day), effective October 21, 2013 – March 31, 2014. His assignment is Edison School Special Education. Mr. Cassone is NYS Fingerprint cleared.
25. A Leave of Absence without pay be granted to Vincent Fiscella, Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center from September 1, 2013 through October 25, 2013.
26. The following people be approved as Breakfast Monitors at a rate of \$23/hour effective September 9, 2013 unless otherwise indicated. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Carla O'Brien – Park Avenue School  
Marilyn Soracin – King Street School  
Jeanette Stever – Edison School

27. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

Pablo Capparelli    John Como

28. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 9, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

John Como  
John Michael Concha (\$19.15/hour; 9/9/13 – 11/1/13)  
Nicole Dorazio  
Anna O'Keeffe  
Elsa Salmon (effective 9/17/13)  
Jeanette Stever

29. The resignation of Diego Salazar, Substitute Cleaner, be accepted effective September 12, 2013.
30. Patricia M. Hinz, Port Chester, New York, be approved as a Registered Professional Nurse – School Substitute, at a rate of \$40.21/hr. or \$241.23 day, effective September 27, 2013. Mrs. Hinz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 17, 2013.
31. Alberto Acevedo, Port Chester, New York, be appointed as Attendance Officer for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$150/day, effective October 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 with a yearly earnings maximum of \$27,000. Mr. Acevedo is NYS Fingerprint cleared.
32. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$22,860.77, Schedule #4, dated September 20, 2013 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.
33. Warrant #6 and Warrant #7, including in-between checks, dated September 11, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$131,560.47
Federal Fund	77,086.35
Cafeteria Fund	4,597.82
Trust & Agency Fund	230,205.44
Capital Fund	0



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34. Warrant #8, including in-between checks, dated September 25, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,290,812.94
Federal Fund	256,490.51
Cafeteria Fund	41,413.79
Trust & Agency Fund	167,266.03
Capital Fund	0

35. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – August 30, 2013	\$267,592.56
General Fund – September 13, 2013	1,743,199.68
Federal Fund – August 30, 2013	18,930.09

36. Cleveland Alford, White Plains, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 16, 2013. His assignment is Port Chester High School. Mr. Alford is NYS Fingerprint cleared.

37. Elsa Salmon, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 23, 2013. Her assignment is John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center. Mrs. Salmon received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 16, 2013.

38. Jeanette Stever, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 23, 2013. Her assignment is Park Avenue School. Mrs. Stever is NYS Fingerprint Cleared.

39. John C. Giordano, Jr., Rye Brook, New York, be approved for a probationary appointment as Maintenance Mechanic-Electrician, Step 1, (12 months, 8 hours/day) effective October 7, 2013 pending NYS Fingerprint Clearance. His assignment will be Buildings and Grounds.

40. After twenty-six years and ten months with the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District, the retirement of Shang Jung, Maintenance Laborer (Grounds), be accepted effective the end of business on October 31, 2013.

41. A change of status be approved for Claudia Sanchez, Port Chester, New York, from Probationary Lunch Monitor (10 months/3 hours-day), John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center, to Probationary Teacher Aide, Grade I, Step 1 (10 months/3 hours-day), effective September 3, 2013. Her assignment is Port Chester High School Special Education.

42. A Family Leave of Absence be granted to Kristy Fiscella, Teacher Aide-Special Education, Edison School, from approximately September 23, 2013 through March 31, 2014. Mrs. Fiscella will use accumulated sick leave during the time her doctor attests to her inability to perform her duties due to pregnancy, delivery and self care. Her expected delivery date is October 22, 2013. The remainder of her Leave of Absence will be a Family Medical Leave without pay; but benefits will continue to a maximum of 12 weeks.

43. Christian Cassone, Port Chester, New York, be approved for a Temporary appointment (Maternity Leave Replacement) as a Teacher Aide, Step 1, Grade III, (6 hours/day), effective October 21, 2013 – March 31, 2014. His assignment is Edison School Special Education. Mr. Cassone is NYS Fingerprint cleared.

44. A Leave of Absence without pay be granted to Vincent Fiscella, Teacher Aide, John F. Kennedy Early Learning Center from September 1, 2013 through October 25, 2013.

45. The following people be approved as Breakfast Monitors at a rate of \$23/hour effective September 9, 2013 unless otherwise indicated. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

- Carla O'Brien – Park Avenue School
- Marilyn Soracin – King Street School
- Jeanette Stever – Edison School

46. The following individuals be approved as Cleaner Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. Said appointees may also serve as long-term substitutes, if and when required, at Step 1 of the Cleaner CSEA pay scales. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

- Pablo Capparelli    John Como

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47. The following individuals be approved as Teacher Aide, Lunch Monitor or Clerical Substitutes at a rate of \$10.50/hour effective September 9, 2013 – June 30, 2014 unless otherwise noted. All have received NYS Fingerprint Clearance.

John Como  
 John Michael Concha (\$19.15/hour; 9/9/13 – 11/1/13)  
 Nicole Dorazio  
 Anna O’Keeffe  
 Elsa Salmon (effective 9/17/13)  
 Jeanette Stever

48. The resignation of Diego Salazar, Substitute Cleaner, be accepted effective September 12, 2013.

49. Patricia M. Hinz, Port Chester, New York, be approved as a Registered Professional Nurse – School Substitute, at a rate of \$40.21/hr. or \$241.23 day, effective September 27, 2013. Mrs. Hinz received NYS Fingerprint Clearance on September 17, 2013.

50. Alberto Acevedo, Port Chester, New York, be appointed as Attendance Officer for the Port Chester-Rye Union Free School District at a rate of \$150/day, effective October 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 with a yearly earnings maximum of \$27,000. Mr. Acevedo is NYS Fingerprint cleared.

51. The Budget Transfer in the amount of \$22,860.77, Schedule #4, dated September 20, 2013 be approved for the 2013-2014 school year.

52. Warrant #6 and Warrant #7, including in-between checks, dated September 11, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$131,560.47
Federal Fund	77,086.35
Cafeteria Fund	4,597.82
Trust & Agency Fund	230,205.44
Capital Fund	0

53. Warrant #8, including in-between checks, dated September 25, 2013, be approved:

General Fund	\$1,290,812.94
Federal Fund	256,490.51
Cafeteria Fund	41,413.79
Trust & Agency Fund	167,266.03
Capital Fund	0

54. The following payrolls be approved:

General Fund – August 30, 2013	\$267,592.56
General Fund – September 13, 2013	1,743,199.68
Federal Fund – August 30, 2013	18,930.09
Federal Fund – September 13, 2013	75,075.25

Several Board members commended the well deserved retirement of Mr. Chang.

Ms. Capeci mentioned item #31, which is Mr. Acevedo’s appointment as the new attendance officer. The appointment is important in recognizing the community’s concerns regarding out of town residents sending children to our schools. He will be a great asset to our district.

Mr. Dreves reminded everyone that Jack Guinta will partner with Mr. Acevedo in completing residency checks.

**Dignity Act Update:**

Dr. Kliszus discussed October the “Anti-Bullying Month”. He wanted to make sure the community is aware of the Districts efforts. The District updated its Board policy in the spring and one new addition to the policy is Cyber Bullying. He showed the red band “Band against Bullying” that everyone in the District will receive.

Dr. Kliszus provided an in-depth outline of the District’s efforts in Bullying awareness and combating bullying. Dr. Kliszus stressed the potential danger of internet use among children today. Parental awareness and diligence concerning their children’s use of the internet is critical.

Ms. Capeci asked Mr. Fanelli to give an update on the effectiveness on the District programs currently in place.

Mr. Fanelli noted that the number of suspensions has diminished. Severe incidences are almost nonexistent.

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Several Board members expressed concerns bullying and highlighted the importance of internet safety.

Mr. Corbia mentioned the up and coming Anti-Bullying Golf outing.

**Board of Education Issues**

Dr. Kliszus provided a brief summary on the very smooth opening of schools and noted that the schools are in great shape.

Mr. Dreves inquired about the dismissal and school safety.

**Board of Education Roundtable**

Mr. Johnson attended several meetings and noted in particular a roundtable meeting on Sept 7<sup>th</sup> involving the NYS Senate. The main issue was state aid in school funding. He also attended the WSPBSA Executive School Board meeting where upcoming resolutions were discussed regarding digital privacy for children of all ages.

Mrs. Brakewood commended the PCHS Marching Band that participated in the recent Fireman's parade. She reminded everyone of the upcoming football game. She noted that many attended the opening of the new King Street School playground and that it looks fabulous.

Mr. Corbia predicted that Common Core will see some changes.

Mr. Corbia mentioned open sponsorships available for the Golf Tournament.

Mr. Corbia voiced his view of the concerns of community members over the budget and taxes.

An dialogue between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Corbia took place over school taxes.

Mr. Corbia asked Ms. McAward about the Sequestration dollar amount.

Ms. McAward estimated the amount to be a little over \$200,000.00

Mr. Fanelli discussed Title 1 shortfalls; we will know in the calendar year where we stand financially.

Ms. McAward reminded the Board of the large financial burden in reproducing the Common Core workbooks.

Mr. Dreves talked about Common Core. There are a lot of good things associated with Common Core; however we should see some changes. Too much testing is causing stress among teachers and students. Mr. Dreves was disappointed there was not a sequential, better timed roll out. A Tamarack Tower liaison meeting took place today; reinstating a few programs was addressed.

Ms. Capeci attended the 9/11 memorial service in Lyons Park.

Ms. Capeci attended the PTA/PTO Council and King Street walk-through.

Ms. Capeci attended the wonderful Fireman's Parade.

Dr. Kliszus discussed his recent meeting with the local clergy. The most critical issue is the loss of funding in afterschool care. They would like to donate all the funding from the Martin Luther King celebration towards after school programs.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Capeci asked for a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a legal matter

Upon motion by Mr. Dreves, seconded by Mrs. Brakewood the meeting was moved into Executive Session at 10:00 pm.